Current Contractor Report

Part III - Current Contractors Only

Maximum 2 pages plus Form #5 – Current Contractor Summary

The review process for current contractors includes a year to date performance and compliance evaluation. The Review Committee will consider each of the following in the application review:

- Service provider compliance with contractual and reporting requirements.
- Service delivery and impact on participants served.
- Fiscal management of funds.
- Current audit compliance, if applicable. See Application Guidelines, "Who May Apply" for details.

In addition to providing the information requested below, all current contractors must complete Form #5 - Current Contractor Summary.

Current contractors are required to provide the following information on their operations during the year.

a) Program Administration
   - Briefly describe any changes in administration or staffing during the year and its impact, if any, on service delivery.

b) Program Implementation
   - Briefly describe your outreach plan and its effectiveness. What changes, if any, were made to your plan during the year? What was the reason? What were the results?
   - Briefly describe any changes in services or the delivery of services during the year. Explain.
   - If you are serving a significant number of families/individuals more or less than outlined in your proposal, explain the reason why and how you have addressed the issue. What impact did this have on your organization, service delivery and your community?
   - Describe the community resources you work closely within your community on behalf of your families.

c) Program Evaluation
   - Briefly describe the outcomes you are measuring. Outline the evaluation methods used and the results. What impact have these results had on services?
   - Describe an outstanding accomplishment year to date.
   - Describe the biggest challenge you have encountered during this year. How was the challenge addressed?

d) Program Financial Information
   - Are year to date expenses on target? If not, explain.
   - Provide a schedule of expenses October 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 that are attributed to the services provided.
   - List all sources and amounts of *cash match* funds year to date. Have you maintained your 25% requirement?

SECTION D

Appendices

All applications must include the following support documentation unless otherwise indicated. Label each document with its corresponding appendices in the top right hand corner of the page.

Appendix A.	A letter of commitment from your source of matching funds confirming that sufficient monies will be available on October 1, 2003 to fulfill the match requirements. Use Form #6.
Appendix B.	Letter of referral and support from your county DFCS office acknowledging the need for the services you propose and their support.
Appendix C.	Listing of funding sources for past two years and services/programs funded.
Appendix D.	Secretary of State Registration. (not required by state or county agencies)
Appendix E.	501(C)-3 Letter from IRS. See Application Guidelines, "Who May Apply" for details. (not required by state or county agencies)
Appendix F.	Letters of Support may be included but must be current and must pertain specifically to the proposed services. Limit 3. Letters of support received apart from the application will not be considered.
Appendix G.*	Proposing agency's most recent audit or summary. See Application Guidelines, "Who May Apply" for details. One copy only attached to original proposal. (not required by state or county agencies)
Appendix H.*	Copy(ies) of any material published or distributed by, or about, the program related directly to proposed services. Limit 3. One copy only attached to original proposal.
Appendix I.	Family assessment tool, if applicable.
Appendix J.	Monitoring and evaluation tool, if applicable.

* Only include one copy of each of these appendices with the original copy of the proposal. All other appendices must be included in the all copies of the proposal.

Do you need any of the following support services?

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_____ Other

Below list all household member, including yourself. Be sure to list everyone who lives with you (including children and other dependents), even if they do not receive any income.

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I am interested in a savings account for: (Select the one that applies)

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_____My own business

_____My education

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Program Agreement

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Signature: _____

Printed full name: _____

Date: _____

Mail to: Atlanta Cooperative 445 Cleveland Ave., SE Atlanta, GA 30354

ATLANTA COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.
PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M___ F ___

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Ethnicity: African American _____ Caucasian _____ Latino/Hispanic_____ Other (please specify)

_____

Marital status: Single____ Married____ Separated ____ Divorced ____ Widowed/Widower ____

Household Status: Single, living with parents _____ Single head of household _____
Living with spouse or partner _____ Number of Children _____

Are you a U. S. citizen? Yes ___ No ___ If not, do you have work papers? Yes ___ No ___

Please provide the name and address of someone who would definitely know where you live even if you move.

Name: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ Relationship to applicant _____

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Number of IDA accounts projected to be opened through ACCESS-IDA:
420 total over the 5 year period. We anticipate the IDA will be used in the following qualified categories:

- 100 - post-secondary education
- 100 - home ownership
- 220 - business capitalization

Our Partners:
We have established partnerships with a number of city and state agencies to provide free or low-cost services and training to our clients.

- 1st Choice Credit Union
- Atlanta Business Development Initiative (ABDI)/Atlanta's One Stop Capital Shop
- Achieve, Inc.
- ADA – Atlanta Development Authority / Urban Residential Finance Authority (URFA)
- American Kidney Fund (AKF)
- Atlanta Housing Authority
- Atlanta Technical College
- Cooperative Extension Service, Fulton County
- Everlasting Life Natural Health Food Market
- Federation of Southern Cooperatives
- Fulton 4-H Center
- Georgia Center for Urban Agriculture
- Georgia Department of Agriculture
- Georgia State University, Department of Social Work
- GRASP (formerly Greater Atlanta Small Business Project)
- Lawn Management Network
- Literacy Volunteers of America, Atlanta Group
- Our Family Table
- Sevananda Community-Owned Natural Foods Market
- Southeast Association of Housing Cooperatives
- Spelman College, Economics Department/Management and Organization
- Spring Creek Growers Association, Inc. (SCGA)
- United Way of Atlanta

Training and Support
Each participant will receive economic literacy and personal budgeting training through Spelman College's Department of Economics and other partners. Atlanta Cooperative will provide assistance in arranging for both childcare and transportation as needed. In addition, the following support services will be provided:

- *Youth & Family Development*
- *Health, Food, and Nutrition*
- *Information Technology*
- *Remedial Services (GED and Literacy)*
- *Credit Repair*
- *Crisis Intervention*
- *General Business and Cooperative Businesses*
- *Landscaping Businesses and Cooperatives*
- *Food Businesses and Cooperatives*

Project Evaluation:
The Assets for Independence IDA program requires that we gather data and participate in a country-wide evaluation of the effectives of IDAs in reducing poverty. We have partnered with the Department of Social Work at Georgia State University in Atlanta to assist us in the Program Evaluation portion of this project and to help us gather the information needed by Abt Associates to do their independent analysis.

Conclusion
Women and children tend to fair well as a result of asset holdings. For women, it translates into higher social status and lower levels of marital violence. Positive effects on children, with home ownership having the greatest effect of the assets, include greater self-esteem, staying in school, less teen-age pregnancy and less vulnerability. Children with parents who are homeowners, generally end up being homeowners themselves. Finally, asset holdings have a positive effect on civic and community involvement, primarily, at the neighborhood and block levels.

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ACCESS-IDA

Atlanta Co-op Mission
Atlanta Cooperative Development Corporation (Atlanta Co-op) is a non-profit organization created in January 1996 by the City of Atlanta to plan, coordinate, and administer cooperative development, that is, cooperatively-owned housing, businesses, and financial institutions within the City of Atlanta. Atlanta Co-op provides development and technical assistance, education, information, and collaborative support to residents of the City of Atlanta and the greater metropolitan area who want to use cooperatives to increase community and individual assets.

Project Name: Atlanta Cooperative's Campaign for Economic Self-Sufficiency-IDA Project (ACCESS-IDA)

What are IDA's?
Individual Development Accounts (IDA's) are matched savings for low-income families (similar to IRA's). They can only be used for higher education, home ownership, or business start-ups.

Federal Agency that IDA's fall under:
Health and Human Services - Office of Community Services - Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

Funding:
We have been awarded $1,000,000 from the Office of Community Services. This grant requires that we raise an additional $1,000,000 in matching funds. Our ACCESS-IDA project budget for 420 participants is $1,991,214. Only 15% of that may be used for administration, including 2 % which must be used for project evaluation.

Our Project Description:
Atlanta Cooperative's Campaign for Economic Self-Sufficiency-IDA Project (ACCESS-IDA) is unique in that it uses IDAs in conjunction with worker-owned and consumer-owned cooperatives. These cooperatives will create savings for participants either by increasing their incomes or by lowering expenditures, or both. Worker-owned cooperatives are enterprises that are owned by the people who work in them, whereas, consumer-owned cooperatives are enterprises owned by the people who use their services.

All ACCESS-IDA participants must work and/or participate in specialized training with a cooperative for a minimum of 20 hours per month. The participant becomes a member of the cooperative after $50 is automatically deducted from his/her first month's wages. The savings plan requires participants to have their monthly savings of $50 automatically deducted from their cooperative wages over a 20-month period and matched at a rate of 4 to 1 for total savings of $5,000 (Based on our research, this amount is adequate for proposed qualified expenditures).

Target Population: ACCESS-IDA targets Atlanta's southeast neighborhoods along the Jonesboro Road corridor. Attention is particularly paid to areas where there are high concentrations of low-income persons, such as Evergreen Village Estates and public housing projects Jonesboro South, Jonesboro North, and Gilbert Gardens.

Statistics for census tracts 70, 72, and 73 (source: U.S. Census Bureau)

- Median Income – $20,407
- Avg. Assets - $260 (Evergreen Village only, does not include auto or furniture)
- Average Unemployment Rate - 9.5%
- Female Head of Household – more than 80%
- High School Education – 48%
- College Degree – 10%
- Own Home – 47%

ACCESS-IDA is founded on the assumption that poverty is intimately connected to individuals and communities' inability to build, manage, and retain assets for their own benefit. If poverty reduction strategies are to be successful, they must employ an integrative approach to the development and reclamation of a community's asset base. Since cooperatives, by their very nature, build both individual and community assets from the bottom up, they are an ideal tool for coupling with IDAs to build assets for welfare recipients.